(b) whether Government propose to set up spare part banks to meet the requirement of critical spares and what are the details of action taken/proposed to be taken to meet the problem of spares of equipment imported under bilateral tie up loans from abroad;

(c) whether it is a fact that for imported power equipment there was total absence of after sale service arrangement and if so, the steps taken/ proposed to remove this disadvantage; and

(d) what is the policy of Government towards utilisation of indigineously produced power generation equipment produced by BHEL during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) BHEL continues to be the main supplier for power equipments for India's power programme. For the projects funded out of rupee reasources, import of power equipments is not allowed. However, due to paucity of resources, projects are posed for bilateral and multilateral external assistance. The decision to pose the projects for external assistance is taken in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs). In the case of multilaterally assisted power projects, BHEL gets orders on the basis of its international competitiveness. In case of certain bilaterally asssted power projects funded by institutions like Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan, BHEL is eligible to participate in the bid and had also obtained orders in the past.

Performance of Rural Electrification Corporation

3316. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an indepth study of the performance of Rural Electrification Corporation has been undertaken in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are its main achievement State-wise, against the targets set by broad indicators during the last three years;

(c) what is the assignment of Rural Electrification Corporation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, State-wise; and

(d) what are the areas where much remains to be done and how these issues are prpposed to be settled during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The performance of Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) is reviewed from time to time. Based on the broad indicators of village electrification and pumpsets energisation, the state-wise targets and achievements during the last 3 years are given in the statement attached (see below)

(c) and (d) During the Eighth Plan Period, it has been proposed to Electrify 50,000 villages (including 10,000 village through nonconverntional energy sources) and energisation of 25 lakh pumpsets in the country. The state-wise break up of eighth five year plan programme is yet to be finalised.

Statement

Physical Performance under Re-Financed Schemes during the Last Three Years (1989-90 to 1991-92)

Sl. No.	States	Village Electrification		Pumpset Energisation	
		Annual Target	Achievement	Annual Target	Achievement
1.	Andhra Pradesh	300	391	180560	236090
2.	Arunachal Pardesh	247	299	0	0
3.	Assam	1105	921	500	304
4.	Bihar	4150	3363	22000	17261
5.	Goa	0	0		
6.	Gujarat	0	0	47100	68964
7.	Haryana	0	0	22700	40983
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	120	470
9.	J & K	160	92	435	744
10.	Karnataka	0	0	63580	136888
11.	Kerala	0	0	27995	47695
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5480	8898	168750	242102
13.	Maharashtra	0	0	177010	271093
14.	Manipur	589	521	0	0
15.	Meghalaya	500	378	0	0
16.	Mizoram	175	205	0	0
17.	Nagaland	0	2	0	150
18.	Orissa	2260	3237	10100	15415
19.	Punjab	0	0	43000	72180
20	Rajasthan	2050	3442	29450	80042
21.	Sikkim	65	66	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	81400	122836
23.	Tripura	497	574	160	260
24.	Uttar Pradesh	4650	4741	46600	56738
25.	West Bengal	3255	3077	27880	21727
	Total (STATES)	25483	30207	949340	1431942

Implementation of National Power Grid Plan

3317. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1242 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 1992 and state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government during the current year or are proposed to be taken during Eighth Five Year Plan Period to implement the decision relating to development of National Power Grid: and

(b) what are the details of funds provided on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):

(a) To realised to objectives of the National Power Grid, augmentation of inter-regional/State transmission lines is being given adequate priority. A number of such projects have been approved by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(b) An allocation of Rs. 4,592 crores has been provided to the Power Grid Corporation of India to pursue its objectives duringthe Eighth Five Year Plan.